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Faculty team to hone communication skills of foreign service officers

By this time next week, six BGSU faculty members will be in Croatia, helping train U.S. foreign service officers from a number of countries in the region to be better communicators. They will be the first faculty members from a U.S. university to take part in the Academic Collaborative Initiative for Mission Public Information Officers, created by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

The team, led by Catherine Cassara, journalism, will be in Croatia from May 1-15. They were recruited by BGSU alumnus Brock Bierman, who works in the USAID Bureau for Europe and Eurasia, where he is chief of staff to assistant administrator Kent Hill. In return for their participation, the bureau is paying for their travel and living expenses while in Zagreb and Opatija.

"We look at this as very crucial training," Bierman said. "We're both building relationships and teaching people to communicate." Many of the participants are foreign service nationals, who are often those who go on to become leaders in their own countries, he added, and USAID is eager to help them develop their skills.

"Our goal is to provide additional training and technical assistance to our foreign service officers and foreign service nationals in the field, in this case to teach them to be public information officers," Bierman said. "I sincerely believe this is going to be a training unlike any other that has been sponsored by our bureau, or, for that matter, the agency. . . . We are optimistic that through the small-group, actual classroom situation, there will be a significant, measurable improvement in the journalism and speech-writing skills of the participants."

The six faculty have developed and will pilot the ambitious program, which was conceived by Bierman in response to requests for assistance from foreign service officers themselves. Teaching the approximately 25 participants will be Cassara, Nancy Brendlinger and Dennis Hale, all from journalism; Charles Hoy, telecommunications, and John Warren and Laura Lengel, both interpersonal communication.

The BGSU team has been working since February to design the two-week, intensive training program, based on a survey of the group's needs.

The curriculum will be taught in small-group settings. Participants will spend the mornings and afternoons in hands-on sessions with their BGSU faculty leaders, including trips to USAID projects in the region. At night, participants will complete homework assignments.

The workshop topics will include basic journalistic writing skills, fundamentals of public relations, writing effective speeches, and event planning. Technology training will feature basic video, instruction in the rudiments of desktop publishing, an introduction to photo-journalism and digital photography processing, developing effective Web pages, and computer-mediated communication across national boundaries.

Because the training is so intensive, BGSU and USAID are discussing the possibility of the participants' receiving transferable graduate credit for the workshop.

BGSU's faculty are an especially good fit for the role because several of them already have expertise in the geographic region, Bierman pointed out. For example, Brendlinger has taught journalism skills in Slovakia as a Fulbright Scholar. Cassara's bachelor's degree is in Russian studies, and she has researched and written about such topics as how the media can examine the ways in which political and governmental systems change, and the media in post-Soviet states. And Lengel has published a book on communication technology in post-Soviet nations and developed a course for the Fulbright

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International Summer Institute in Bulgaria.

When they return, all six will receive Presidential Service Awards, to be presented by Bieman.

Stargazing BGSU student wins prestigious Goldwater Scholarship

Katherine Anne Guldenschuh has had stars in her eyes since she came to BGSU.

A junior majoring in mathematics with a minor in astronomy, the 20-year-old student has discovered four formerly unknown pulsating stars. Now, she has been chosen to receive a Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship to continue her college education and study of star clusters.

Highly competitive Goldwater Scholarships are awarded to academically outstanding sophomores and juniors majoring in natural sciences, mathematics or engineering who are interested in research careers. The scholarship covers the cost of tuition, fees, books, and room and board up to a maximum of \$7,500.

This is the seventh consecutive year a BGSU student has won a Goldwater Scholarship. Only 310 of the 3,113 nominees for the award received scholarships this year.

One of only 29 mathematics majors selected, the straight-A student was nominated for the scholarship by Paul Moore, a biological sciences faculty member and director of the Honors Program.

"Katie's research represents the type and quality of research that is performed by the leading astronomers across our nation," Moore said. "Her depth of understanding of both the intimate details of her research and the larger societal importance of the research is indicative of researchers at least twice her age."

She has done research under the guidance of Andrew Layden, astronomy. Her main area of research involves detecting pulsating stars in the Globular Cluster NGC 6496 that, according to Layden, has never before been systematically searched for variable stars.

"I discovered at least four variable stars within that cluster," Guldenschuh said. "All of these discoveries reflect new findings since this cluster had no previous listings of variable stars within it."

Guldenschuh presented her findings at the American Astronomy Society's 203rd annual meeting in Atlanta, Ga., in January and made a presentation this month at the Variable Star Conference at BGSU. Her career goals include earning her doctorate in astronomy, continuing to conduct research and teaching at the university level.

Guldenschuh, who lives in Toledo, is a 2001 graduate of Sylvania Southview High School. She is involved in the Air Force ROTC, Arnold Air Society and the University's Honors Program. She also is a member of the staff at the University Planetarium, where she leads stargazing sessions for the Department of Physics and Astronomy.

The Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation has been a federally endowed agency since 1986. The Goldwater Scholarship Program was designed to honor the late senator from Arizona and to encourage outstanding students to pursue careers in the fields of mathematics, natural sciences and engineering. It is the premier undergraduate award of its type.

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Boettcher to lead national music librarians organization

Bonna Boettcher, chair of the department of archival collections and branches and head librarian of the Music Library and Sound Recordings Archives, has been elected vice president/president-elect of the Music Library Association.

A member of the 1,300-member association since 1989, Boettcher has served in several capacities, as executive secretary from 1996-2001 and as chair of the Legislation Committee from 1993-96 and again from 2001-04, when she became president-elect.

Her election represents a four-year commitment, as president-elect for one year, president for two and past president for another year. As president-elect, she is the primary liaison to the 11 regional chapters, overseeing the chapter grant program and the best-of-chapters competition, whose winners present papers at the group's annual meeting in February. Also, as a member of the board of directors, she advises the organization's president on appointments and works with the finance and investment committees.

The Music Library Association is the professional organization in the United States devoted to music librarianship and to all aspects of music materials in libraries. Founded in 1931, MLA provides a forum for study and action on issues that affect music libraries and their users. MLA and its members make significant contributions to librarianship, publishing, standards and scholarship, and the development of new information technologies. In the forefront of contemporary librarianship, MLA assures that users of music materials will be well served by their libraries.

The association publishes an electronic journal and three monograph publication series.

"Our members include not only music librarians but musicologists and others who have an academic or scholarly interest in music," said Boettcher, who has been at BGSU since 1992.

The Legislation Committee, for example, is dealing with the current debate over the electronic transmission of digital reserve materials and is working to clarify issues surrounding educational versus entertainment uses of music, she said.

Another current topic under study is copyright law related to the preservation of sound materials.

Graduates to be addressed by faculty, an alumna and students

Two faculty members, an alumna and three graduating students will be among the speakers at BGSU commencement exercises May 7 and 8.

Joseph Jacoby, sociology, will speak during the Graduate College ceremony at 7 p.m. May 7 in Anderson Arena.

Three undergraduate ceremonies are scheduled in the arena May 8, beginning at 9:30 a.m. with commencement for the College of Arts and Sciences. Addressing the graduates will be Thomas Klein, English and director of the Chapman Community at Kohl Hall.

At 4:30 p.m., Magdalena Fribley will speak at a combined ceremony for the colleges of musical arts and education and human development. Fribley is a 1985 BGSU alumna and current manager of fitness, aquatics and spa facilities at New Albany (Ohio) Country Club.

During a 1 p.m. ceremony, bachelor's degree candidates Tracy LaHote of Bowling Green, Tiffany Ryan of Defiance and Jacqueline Gallo of Twinsburg will address fellow graduates in the colleges of business administration, health and human services, and technology.

At BGSU Firelands, commencement exercises will be held for the first time in the Cedar

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Point Center, which opened last fall. Addressing the graduates at the 7:30 p.m. ceremony May 7 will be BGSU alumnus George Mylander, a philanthropist and former Sandusky mayor and educator.

More than 2,100 students on the Bowling Green and BGSU Firelands campuses are candidates for degrees.

Jacoby, the Graduate College speaker, has been a faculty member since 1981. His research focuses on mentally ill criminal offenders, public opinion about punishment and the growth of the prison population. In 1994, the Ohio Department of Mental Health funded his study of reintegration of mentally ill prisoners into the community. Jacoby holds a master's degree in criminology and a Ph.D. in sociology from the University of Pennsylvania.

Klein, who has been at BGSU since 1971, created the Chapman Community, a living-learning community that enhances student success by supporting collaboration and curricular integration. He has also directed the Humanities Cluster College and the Writing Across the Curriculum program; initiated and directed the Great Ideas program, and created Holocaust/genocide literature courses. The author of three books, Klein earned master's and doctoral degrees in English education from Harvard and Northwestern universities, respectively.

After receiving her bachelor's degree in sport management from BGSU, Fibley was athletic director at a downtown Columbus athletic facility, the Capital Club, for seven years. In 1992, she was named bath and tennis director at the New Albany Country Club and supervised its grand opening. Holder of a master's degree in business administration from Franklin University, Fibley remains involved with BGSU, where she has endowed two scholarships and is a member of the Presidents Club and the College of Education and Human Development Dean's Council.

LaHote, the College of Business Administration speaker, is a candidate for a bachelor's degree in business administration, specializing in general business. She has been president of the Panhellenic Council, active in Dance Marathon and a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority and four honor societies. A former intern for David's House of Compassion and the American Red Cross, she plans to work for a nonprofit organization in either financial development or public relations.

Ryan is a bachelor's degree candidate in communication disorders and the College of Health and Human Services speaker. A campus tour guide and active in the BGSU Honors Program, she has also been involved in three honoraries as well as the University's Literacy Serve and Learn program, Leaders in Residence and the Communication Disorders Undergraduate Research Group. Her plans include graduate coursework in communication disorders/speech-language pathology at BGSU.

The speaker for the College of Technology, Gallo is a candidate for a bachelor's degree in technology, with a major in visual communication technology. Having completed three internships, she is researching graphic design companies in the Akron area. Among her campus affiliations were Dance Marathon, Leaders in Residence, Epsilon Pi Tau and Phi Eta Sigma honor societies, Habitat for Humanity and Silent Solidarity, a program to increase awareness of social discrimination and prejudice.

IN BRIEF**Center for International Programs moves to new location**

The Center for International Programs is relocating to McDonald Hall, where it will occupy Suite 61, the former site of the Countryside Dining Room. The center will be closed Monday (May 3) and reopen on May 4 in its new location.

The center's last day in its old office, 1100 Offenhauer West, is Friday (April 30).

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CIP provides ongoing orientation services, updates and advice on immigration matters and assists students with personal and academic concerns. The center coordinates and promotes international student and faculty exchanges while stimulating awareness on campus and in the community.

Kim Fleshman wins 'Spirit of BG' award

Kim Fleshman, program coordinator in the Student Technology Center, has been named a recipient of the administrative staff Spirit of BG award.

"She has done an unbelievable job of expanding the BGSU Northwest Ohio Technology Fair and making it into a 'happening' of which the entire University can be proud," a nominator wrote.

Fleshman received a check along with the award.

CALENDAR**Monday, April 26**

Dissertation Defense, "Robustness Study of Some Multivariate Tests in Generalized Linear Models," by Jin Xu, mathematics and statistics, 9:30 a.m., 459 Mathematical Sciences Building.

Auditions for the theatre and film department's fall production of "All My Sons," by Arthur Miller, 6-9 p.m., 401 University Hall. Auditions are open to community members by appointment only. Call 2-2222.

Reading by Viennese author and historian Doron Rabinovici, 7:30-9 p.m., 316 Union. Sponsored by the Department of German, Russian and East Asian Languages. Call 2-2268 for more information.

Tuesday, April 27

Baseball vs. Defiance, 3 p.m., Steller Field.

Softball vs. Cleveland State, 3 p.m., softball complex.

Movie, "The Last Samurai," 9:30 p.m., Union Theater. Sponsored by the University Activities Organization.

Wednesday, April 28

Brown Bag Lunch, "Women in Comedy," by Colleen Coughlin, Jerome Library, noon 1 p.m., Women's Center, 107 Hanna Hall.

Concert, "New Works for Youth," featuring students from the Montessori School in Bowling Green performing new works by Stacy Barelos, Ken Wendt and Jos Wuytack, 7 p.m., Kobacker Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.

Thursday, April 29

Seminar for Entrepreneurs, "Turning Passion into Enterprise," 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Union. Hosted by Entrepreneurship Academic Programs, College of Business Administration. Call 2-8181 to register.

Dissertation Defense, "Linear Model Under Non-normality," by Solomon W. Harrar, mathematics and statistics, 11:30 a.m., 459 Mathematical Sciences Building.

Friday, April 30

Movie, "The Last Samurai," 11 p.m., Union Theater. Sponsored by UAO.

Art Exhibit Opening Reception for MFA Thesis Exhibition II, 7-9 p.m., Dorothy Uber Bryan and Willard Wankelman galleries, Fine Arts Center.

Performance by comedian Dane Cook, 8 p.m., Kobacker Hall, Moore Musical Arts Center.

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Sunday, May 2

Planetarium Presentation, "Don't Duck—Look Up!" a multimedia show for kids ages 4-5, 2-3 p.m., Planetarium. \$1 donation suggested.

Movie, "The Last Samurai," 9:30 p.m., Union Theater. Sponsored by UAO.

Continuing Events

April 29-May 1

Spring Ceramics Sale, works by BGSU ceramics students, 9 a.m.-8 p.m. on Thursday and Friday (April 29 and 30) and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on Saturday (May 1), 1218 Fine Arts Center. Call 2-3836 for more information.

April 30-May 7

Art Exhibit, MFA Thesis Exhibition II, Dorothy Uber Bryan and Willard Wankelman galleries. Gallery hours are

10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and 1-4 p.m. Sundays.

Through May 7

Art Exhibit, annual student exhibitions, Little Gallery, BGSU Firelands. Gallery hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Through May 7

Planetarium Presentation, "Ring World," Saturn, its moons and rings and the Cassini-Huygens space mission. Shows at 8 p.m. Tuesday (April 27) and Friday (April 30), and 7:30 p.m. Sunday (May 1). \$1 donation suggested.

Through May 8

Art Exhibit, MFA Spotlight, Union Art Galleries. Gallery hours are 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Sundays.

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School of Education, Teaching and Learning. Instructor. Call Leigh Chiarelott, 2-7314. Deadline: May 10.

Contact the Office of Human Resources at 419-372-8421 for information regarding classified and administrative positions. Position vacancy announcements may be viewed by visiting the HR Web site at www.bgsu.edu/offices/ohr.

Employees wishing to apply for these positions must sign a "Request for Transfer" form and attach an updated resume or data sheet. This information must be turned in to Human Resources by the job deadline.

CLASSIFIED

The following position is being listed on and off campus simultaneously.
Sales Manager 4 (C-23-Ve)—University Bookstore. Full-time position. Pay grade 9. Deadline: 1 p.m., May 7.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Systems Programmer (V-034)—Information Technology Services. Administrative grade 15. Deadline: May 7.

Assistant Director of Residence Life for Educational Initiatives (V-039)—Office of Residence Life. Administrative grade 14. Review of applications will begin May 14 and continue until the position is filled.

Dining Services Manager (V-035)—University Dining Services, Division of Student Affairs (Four full-time positions). Administrative grade 12. Deadline: May 14.

Director and Physician in Chief (04-017NF)—Student Health Services. Salary is commensurate with education and experience. Review of applications began March 31.

Residence Hall Director (V-018)—Office of Residence Life (three positions). Administrative grade 13. Review of applications will continue until all positions are filled.

Director of Gift Planning (V-046)—Office of Development, University Advancement (Re-advertised). Administrative grade 18. Review of applicants began Feb. 20. All applicants will receive full and fair consideration until the position is filled.

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Staff Internal Auditor (R-077)—Internal Auditing and Advisory Services. Administrative grade 15. Review of applications began Dec. 15 and will continue until the position is filled.

University General Counsel (04-004NF)—General Counsel/Office of the President. Salary will be competitive and commensurate with experience. Review of applicants began March 1. All applicants will receive full and fair consideration until the position is filled.

OBITUARY

Joseph F. Krauter, 84, an associate professor emeritus of political science, died April 17 in Sagamore Hills, Ohio. He taught at the University from 1968-89.